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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FP2558	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
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Applicant

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examination Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I. Basis of the opinion
- II. Priority
- III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV. Lack of unity of invention
- V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI. Certain documents cited
- VII. Certain defects in the international application
- VIII. Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 24 January 2006 (24.01.2006)	Date of completion of this report 12 June 2006 (12.06.2006)
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed

the description:

pages 1-16, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages 17-19, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings:

pages 1-7, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____.

the claims, Nos. _____.

the drawings, sheets/fig. _____.

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as „originally filed“ and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-13	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-13	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-13	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		

With regard to the amendments according to the applicant's response (letter of 24 January 2006) the examiner will now agree with the applicant.

On the basis of the restrictions (inclusion of the subject matter of original claim 6 in the main claim), a complete comparison of the most relevant state of the art document cited in the search report with the present application shows, that only single features of the subject matter of claim 1 are known.

In view of all features of claim 1, the application clearly differs from the known constructions of the state of the art. Thus the subject matters of the present application as given in the new claims 1 and 9 are new with regard to the cited documents.

The subject matters of the presented claims can be considered as involving an inventive step too, since the solutions proposed in these claims are not obvious for the skilled man being aware of the state of the art illustrated by the cited documents.

On the basis of the description and figures, the additional new claim 5 is allowable, because the subject matter of this claim satisfy the criteria set forth in Article 34 (2b) PCT.

Since claims 2-8 are depending on claim 1 and claims 10-13 are depending on claim 9, the subject matter of these claims also comply with the requirements of novelty and inventive step. Industrial applicability is doubtless given.